

Remarks

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8, 17, 33, 39 and 40 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 7, 9, 31 and 32 if rewritten to overcome 35 U.S.C. § 112 objections and set out in independent form.

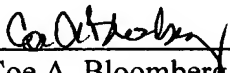
Independent claims 1 and 23 have been rewritten in order to incorporate the limitations of claims found allowable and so as to obviate the § 112 objections made by the Examiner. Claims 5-7 and 29 have been cancelled.

Allowance of claims 1-4, 8-28 and 33-45, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

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